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Washington, D.C.-Public Printer of the United States Bruce James issued the following statement today regarding the resignation of Government Printing Office Inspector General Marc Nichols:

“The Government Printing Office embraces and is committed to supporting the Office of the Inspector General in its mission of conducting and supervising audits and investigations relating to GPO; recommending policies to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the agency's operations; and in keeping Congress and the agency fully informed of any problems or deficiencies relating to the administration and operation of the GPO. In fact, when the Office of the Inspector General under Marc Nichols requested a separate budget for the Fiscal Year ‘05 appropriation cycle in order to have greater independence, I fully supported the request and testified before the Senate and House Appropriations Committees. The resignation of former Inspector General Marc Nichols had absolutely nothing to do with any ongoing investigations or audits into waste, fraud or abuse at the GPO. Deputy Inspector General and Counsel to the Inspector General Jackie Goff, who Nichols appointed a year ago, is continuing forward with all investigations and audits without interruption. Goff has extensive Government and private sector experience and has provided regulatory, legal, audit and policy advice to several large Federal agencies.”

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